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On December 16, Poloff spoke to Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Iraq desk officer Pavel Mrazek regarding ref A request seeking public support for the December 15 Iraq election. Mrazek provided the following text of a statement that the MFA issued that day and has posted on its website: "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of the Czech Republic congratulates the Iraqi people and the Iraqi government on the successful accomplishment of Parliamentary elections on 15th December 2005. The MFA of the CR appreciated especially the high number of voters from all ethnic and religious groups of the Iraqi society. The high number of voters in the Parliamentary elections gives the Parliament and the Government, which will lead Iraq in the next four years, a strong mandate which cannot be put in doubt. The Parliamentary elections are a crucial step of Iraq on the way to democracy, stability and prosperity. The Czech MFA is convinced that this way will lead to success. Iraqis confirmed by their participation in particularly high numbers, despite a difficult security situation, that they are determined to build a democratic society in their country. The Czech Republic is determined to continue, together with the international community, to provide aid to Iraqi people in their effort to build a democratic and prosperous nation."

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